

The purpose of this spreadsheet is to derive Acceptable Tissue Levels (ATLs; also known as Target Tissue Concentrations (SLVs) for total PCBs for use in Portland Harbor that would be protective of birds that eat fish, and to evaluate the Benthic Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA). Two approaches were used to derive the SLVs and ATLs; the dietary approach and the bioaccumulation approach. Another purpose is to identify any mathematical errors and discrepancies in the calculations used to determine the TRVs, and to determine if a better TRV can be established for PCBs.

The spreadsheet compares various risk parameters used by LWG in the 2011 BERA to values recommended by EPA (1995) Great Lakes Initiative document.

The SLVs are presented in the "SLVs_Compared" tab, and TRVs and ATLs are compared in the "Eco TRVs + ATLs" tab. The spreadsheet compares rates and body weights from multiple sources, and re-calculates TRVs based on these values. SLVs were calculated in a separate column (i.e., to evaluate sensitivity of the BSAF value) will automatically update the SLV values presented in the "SLVs_Compared" tab.

Some discrepancies were observed in calculations between LWG and EcoSSLs, which can be seen in the "IR" tab. The values used to calculate TRVs account for some discrepancies (e.g., slight body weight difference results in large differences in dry and wet weight doses and ingestion rates. The values calculated here were conducted by matching dry weight doses to wet weight doses where it was unknown or unreported in the literature if a dose was dry or weight, but in these cases the studies have made little difference in the outcome.

The final yellow highlighted row under each species in the "SLVs_Compared" tab and the "Eco TRVs + ATLs" tab would provide the best scientifically-supported level of protection for upper trophic level species to total PCBs. For some species, the calculated TRV exceeds ATL values that are considered protective of fish, and no uncertainty or safety factor was applied (e.g., for some species toxicity values are unavailable, or for sensitive species or guilds).

concentrations (TTCs) or Target Tissue Levels (TTLs), and Sediment Screening Levels. Please note or double check specific parameters used in the Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA) approach, which are discussed in the notes section of the "SLVs_Compared" tab. When comparing Toxicity Reference Values (TRVs), identify why these discrepancies may have

led previously by EPA, 2) are in Oregon DEQ's bioaccumulation guidance, and 3) the

ATLs+SLVs". The "IRs&BodyWtComparisons" sheet presents and compares ingestion rates calculated using a generic BSAF for PCBs of 4. Changing the BSAF in the appropriate column in the "SLVs_compared tab".

s&BodyWtComparisons" tab. Some differences in ingestion rates and body weights (e.g., RV differences), and other differences were associated with interpreting or converting wet weight doses to dry weight IRs, and wet weight doses to wet weight IRs. In some cases, the study used lab prepared food which had 10% or less moisture, so any conversions would

s + SLVs" tab shows the recommended value by US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) that is used for PCBs. It should be noted that even the recommended value for the dietary approach was used in the equations (often used in to better protect species were direct

SLV= Value in sediment (µg/kg dry weight) considered protective of avian receptors at the individual and

EGG APPROACH		EGG APPROACH		DIETARY APPROACH		DIETARY APPROACH	
Bald Eagle		Osprey		Bald Eagle		Osprey	
Individual	Population	Individual	Population	Individual	Population	Individual	Population
Total PCBs							
Gov Tea	10 51	10 51		13 65	38 77		

ND = not determined

Final recommended value by FWS

Notes:

EGG APPROACH:

The egg approach was selected as a risk evaluation tool because the total PCBs cause embryotoxicity dietary approach only indirectly addresses this risk, and data are available on total PCB concentration embryo growth will occur at low PCB concentrations (i.e., at concentrations that may otherwise not be primarily endpoint when evaluating risk for total PCBs, and selecting a PRG value protective of reduced hatchability was also used as the endpoint to develop the dietary approach, but it is a less conservative

The bald eagle was the receptor selected to represent protective values based on the egg approach. some correlations in field data (and good correlations in lab test with other bird species) between individual in this approach, as bald eagles do eat other prey in addition to fish (including ducks, fish-eating birds). bald eagles studied in the lower Columbia River fed primarily on fish (90%) during the breeding season. For our risk model, we consider total PCBs to be accumulated in the adult female's body over time and fed on heavily during the breeding season, fish likely contribute a large portion of the PCB body burden to the eggs themselves.

Using the SLV based on bald eagles should be protective of most other fish-eating birds. However, the range may be considered important in a risk evaluation. The eagle's primary foraging range during some level of site use factor may be considered when evaluating risk using the SLVs.

DIETARY APPROACH:

Dietary exposure to PCBs can cause reduced hatchability, reduced growth in embryos, embryo mortality based on reduced hatchability. The recommended sediment screening value for total PCBs (15 and considered protective of reduced hatchability in kingfishers. The kingfisher was selected as the best more of an obligate fish-eater compared to other species, and is non-migratory in this area (see Kelly protective of mortality for most other fish-eating bird species, and it is likely that a site use factor would

d population levels (based on BSAF of 4)

DIETARY APPROACH		DIETARY APPROACH		DIETARY APPROACH	
Spotted Sandpiper		Hooded merganser		Kingfisher	
Individual	Population	Individual	Population	Individual	Population
10	19	22	44	15	30

γ in birds and can reduce hatchability, cause deformities, and impact growth. The ns in bird eggs that reduce hatchability. Reduced hatchability and reduced impact the adult bird). For this reason, reduced hatchability was selected as the ced hatchability will mostly likely be protective of all other effects from PCBs. direct measruement.

The eagle was selected to represent resident, fish-eating birds, and there are creased total PCBsin eggs and lowered productivity). There is some uncertainty s, some mammals, and also scavenge when opportunity is available). However, on, whereas they relied a bit more on waterfowl during the non-breeding season. nd especially during the month before nesting and egg laying. Because fish are lens in the adult female just prior to egg laying, as well as to the PCB burden in

he foraging range of an eagle is large compared to other birds and the larger the breeding season is considered to be within 1 mile of a nest site. Therefore,

tality, and other effects. For the dietary approach, risk from total PCBs was 30 ppb) was based on kingfisher exposure. Thus, the sediment values are : representative species for Portland Harbor because it has a small home range, is γ et al. 2009). Therefore, protection at the kingfisher level would most likely be ould not be needed to fully represent risk.

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Selected studies of from LWG in BERA

Chemical	Study Dose for NOAEL mg/kg (WET wt)	Study Dose for LOAEL mg/kg (WET wt)	LWG Study Dose for NOAEL mg/kg DRY WT	LWG Study Dose for LOAEL mg/kg DRY WT	Fraction moisture in food	Ingestion Rate (IR) kg/day
Kestrel	1254			3.3	0.1	0.0136
Chicken	1254	40				0.0034
Chicken	1242	5	10			0.0997
Chicken	1248	1	10			0.105
Chicken	1254	5	45	50	0.1	0.0997
Chicken	1232		20			0.0997
Mallard	1254	25				0.1082
Mallard	1254	39				0.1082
Mallard	1242		150			0.1082

Selected for use as avian TRV in BERA

LWG did not adjust the LOAEL value to wet wt before doing calculation (the IR is in wet wt). Using a %moist Receptor-chemical evaluation not conducted by LWG (instead they used EcoSSL for DDT of 0.227 mg/kg-d)

Data used by the Great Lakes Initiative as reported by EPA 1995

Surrogate Test Species	Chemical	Study Dose for NOAEL mg/kg	Study Dose for LOAEL mg/kg	Fraction moisture in food	Ingestion Rate (IR) kg/day WET WT unless otherwise noted
Pheasant	1254	2	20	NR	Inferred
Chicken	1248	1	10	0.1	0.067
Chicken	124,212,481,254	2	20	0.1	0.067
Chicken	1254		5	0.1	0.067
Chicken	1242	5	10	0.1	0.067

Selected for use as the avian TRV

Data used by DEQ Bioaccumulation Guidance

Surrogate Test Species	Chemical	Study Dose for NOAEL mg/kg	Study Dose for LOAEL mg/kg	Fraction moisture in food	Ingestion Rate (IR) kg/day WET WT unless otherwise noted
	1254			NR	Inferred

Selected based on EPA 1995 according to guidance but unknown which species was used.

Body Weight (BW) kg	NOAEL mg/kg-day	LOAEL mg/kg-day	Check: Test calculation for NOAEL (mg/kg-day)	Check: Test calculation for LOAEL (mg/kg-day)	
0.13		0.35		0.35	
2.56	0.054		0.05		
1.71	0.29	0.58	0.29	0.58	
1.71	0.061	0.61	0.06	0.61	
1.71	0.29	2.90	0.29	2.62	
1.71		1.20		1.17	
1.082	2.5		2.5		
1.082	3.9		3.9		
1.082		15		15	
ture of 1, the LOAEL actually should be 2.62 (unless LWG mislabelled the 50 value as dw).					

Body Weight (BW) kg	NOAEL mg/kg-day	LOAEL mg/kg-day	Check: Test calculation for NOAEL (mg/kg-day)	Check: Test calculation for LOAEL (mg/kg-day)	
1	0.18	1.8	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	
2	0.067	0.67	0.07	0.67	
2	0.13	1.30	0.13	1.34	
2		0.58		0.34	
2	0.34		0.34	0.67	

Body Weight (BW) kg	NOAEL mg/kg-day	LOAEL mg/kg-day	Check: Test calculation for NOAEL (mg/kg-day)	Check: Test calculation for LOAEL (mg/kg-day)	
1	0.2	0.6	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	

Ref

reduced eggshell weight Lowe and Stendell 1991
no effect fertility and hat Ahmed at la. 1978
Reduced hatchability Britton and Huston 1973
Reduced egg production Scott et al. 1975
Reduced hatchability Platonow and Reinhart 1973
Reduced hatchability, er Cecil et al 1974
Reproductive success Custer and Heinz 1980
No effect on egg production Risebrough and Anderson 1975
Reduced hatchability, er Haseltine and Prouty 1980

$$DW = ww*1 / 1 - \%moisture$$

Ref

Hatchability Dahlgren et al. 1972
Egg production and hatc Scott 1977
Egg production and hatc Lillie et al. (1974)
Egg production and ferti Platonow and Reinhart (1973)
No effects at 5 ppm, sig Britton and Huston (1973)

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REFEENCES

Birds NOAL and LOAL dietary TRV in mg/kg day

LWG

Total PCBs

0.29 NOAEL

0.58 LOAEL

Britton and

TRVs are based on reduced egg hatchability in chickens, which have high sensitivity to PCBs toxicity compared wit

Mammal NOAL and LOAL dietary TRV in mg/kg day

Total PCBs

0.0074c NOAEL

0.037 LOAEL

Restum et al. (1998)

TRVs are based on several mink reproduction endpoints. study in which mMink were fed field-collected fish that co

		TTC (Prey Tissue)			
Spotted Sandpiper		Hooded Merganser		Bald Eagle	Osprey
NOAEL	248	783		2420	1,380
LOAEL	496	1570		4,830	2,760
µg/kg ww					

h other species tested. A lower LOAEL for eggshell thinning in American kestrel was reported; however, the 5% mæ

ntained detectable concentrations of other chemicals that were analyzed and detected (e.g., dioxins/furans, DDTs,

Mink	River otter
44.9	75
224	375

agnitude of effect is unlikely to be ecologically significant. The LOAEL for mallards (15 mg/kg dw/day) is approximat

and other organochlorine pesticides).; NOAEL was extrapolated from the LOAEL using a factor of 5.

ely 30 times as great as the selected LOAEL (Attachment 14), indicating the selected TRV may overestimate effect:

s on ducks, such as hooded merganser.